

RISKS LIFE TWICE TO SAVE CANARY FROM FIRE; FAILS

Firemen Find Choked Bird
After All Are Rescued From
Brooklyn Apartment.

Harry Rawling, twenty-one years old, twice risked his life to save Bill, Mrs. Terence McDonald's sweet-singing canary bird, while fire was consuming the three-story apartment house at No. 296 Marion street, Brooklyn, early to-day. Both attempts failed and Bill perished.

The firemen found the bird, choked to death by smoke, and the children of the neighborhood, up early on account of the fire, gave him an elaborate funeral, decorating his grave with dandelions.

Mrs. McDonald, with her eleven children and Bill, lived on the second floor of the building in which the fire occurred. Mrs. McDonald is a widow. Above her live Andrew Gernot, his wife and three children, the oldest six and the youngest an infant. On the first floor are the Rawlings—Fred Rawling, his wife and their five children, of whom Harry is the oldest.

Anna McDonald, who is twenty-one and the oldest of the girls in her family, was asleep with three of her sisters in one room, when she was awakened by heat and smoke coming from a fire already burning briskly in the McDonald kitchen. She screamed.

All the McDonalds fled hastily. John, twenty-three years old, looking after his mother and the girls and Anna carrying Tom, seven, "the baby," in her arms. On the way out the McDonalds shouted "Fire!" and aroused the Gernot family upstairs and awakened the Rawlings family on the first floor by knocking on the door as they passed out.

As John McDonald was assisting his sisters into the home of a neighbor Mrs. McDonald remembered "Bill" and spoke of him regretfully. Harry Rawling volunteered to rescue the bird if he could.

He knew where "Bill's" cage hung in the dining room and almost got to the door of that room the first time, but smoke and flame drove him back. He took a deep breath and dashed into the house again, but the smoke was thicker by that time and he did not get as far as on the first trip. When he staggered outdoors once more he announced that "Bill's" rescue was impossible.

The McDonalds lost about \$1,500 in furniture and clothes. The Rawling loss was \$600 and the Gernots' about \$200. The damage to the building, which is owned by Louis Schoppe of No. 750 Willoughby avenue, was about \$1,000.

FAMILY OF FIVE ILL OF PTOMAINE POISONING.

Three Children of Toccos May Die
—Canned Tomato Dressing
Blamed.

Suffering from ptomaine poisoning, believed to have been caused by canned tomato dressing, eaten with spaghetti at supper last night, Vito Tocco, thirty-two, of No. 237 Hamilton avenue, Brooklyn; his wife, Ninko, twenty-nine, and their three children, Angelina, six; Peter, four, and Thomas, two, are in a serious condition in the Long Island College Hospital. It is feared the children will die.

Other tenants in the house heard groans in the Tocco flat and burst open the doors. They found the family in bed helpless through their severe pains. Patrolman Knowles sent for an ambulance and Dr. Phillips took the sufferers to the hospital. There have been eight similar cases nearby within a week.

C. F. Kerrigan Gets \$4,000 Job.
ALBANY, May 15.—Charles F. Kerrigan, Albany correspondent of the Brooklyn Eagle, has been appointed Secretary of the State Department of Efficiency and Economy by Commissioner John H. Delaney, at a salary of \$4,000.

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